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SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF TUG AND BARGES AT CAYENNE

REF: PARIS 3I389

1. INDIAN TOWING COMPANY (ITC) HAS RECEIVED COPIES OF SHIP'S LOG OF TUG SHAWNEE. BY COMBINATION OF RADAR, RADIO DIRECTION FINDER AND CONVENTIONAL SIGHTINGS AND BEARINGS, TUG ESTABLISHED POSITION AT TIME OF SEIZURE AS 05 DEGREES, 02 MINUTES NORTH AND 51 DEGREES, 58 MINUTES WEST. THIS PLACES SEIZED VESSELS 17 MILES FROM FRENCH GUIANA COAST, BUT MAPS AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT INDICATE SEIZURE MAY HAVE BEEN WITHIN 12 MILES OF GRAND CONNETABLE ROCK. LOG REPORTS THAT DURING SEIZURE, ONE SHOT WAS FIRED ACROSS BOW OF TUG.

2. ITC REPORTS THAT THEIR LAWYER'S REQUEST FOR INJUNCTION AGAINST BARGE BEING TOWED UP APPROUAGE RIVER WAS DENIED BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LOCAL COURT. BARGE 3379 DEPARTED PORT OF CAYENNE DECEMBER

10 AT 0615 LOCAL TIME FOR VOYAGE TO MONT BEAUGE, 25 MILES
UP APPROUAGE RIVER. ITC STATES THEY HAVE INFORMED UNDER-
WRITERS IN EFFORT TO INVOKE WAR CLAUSE TO COVER BARGE 3379.
EMBASSY SHOULD CONVEY FOREGOING TO QUAI, DRAWING PARTI-
CULAR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT SHIPS'S LOG INDICATES THAT
APPREHENDING VESSEL APPARENTLY DID FIRE DURING SEIZURE
OPERATION.

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